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1. The work of widening and deepening the Baltic-White Sea Canal was pushed ahead intensively during the year 1953. In certain sectors of the canal, the work went forward night and day. Night work was illuminated by military searchlights, the current being furnished by floating generators.
2. In the sector Nadvoitsy and Belomorsk, eighty labor brigades were organized, employing more than 3,000 civilians. Almost as many Soviet engineer troops were employed.
3. Nine kilometers south of the port of Nadvoldski, a new military hydroplane base is under construction. The locality is completely out off, and is under protection of naval units from the Lake Onega flotilla. The base of this flotilla is in the port of Povenets. At the same time, in the island of Klimetsk <sup>sig on Lake Onega</sup> and in the port of Shala (south coast of Lake Onega) big military radio stations are in course of installation.

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